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Tree Root Protection Statement

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Copsefield, Eastergate Lane, Eastergate, Chichester, PO20 3SJ

Proposed rear extension to existing garage to form hydrotherapy pool; conversion of existing garage to specialist Changing Space and plant room; erection of link incorporating WC to main dwelling; and first floor loft conversion to provide ancillary bedroom accommodation with ensuite and sitting area.

1. Introduction

This Tree Root Protection Statement has been prepared in support of a householder planning application for the erection of a rear extension to an existing garage to form a hydrotherapy pool and associated works at Copsefield, Eastergate Lane.

The purpose of this statement is to identify existing trees within proximity of the proposed development and set out appropriate measures to ensure their protection during construction.

This document should be read alongside the submitted site layout drawings and Biodiversity Enhancement Statement.

2. Existing Trees

Two trees located within the wider site have been identified on the submitted drawings as:

- T1
- T2

Both trees are to be retained.

The proposed extension is located approximately:

- 8.9 metres from T1
- 15 metres from T2

At these distances, the proposed works are not anticipated to result in significant direct impact on the trees or their root systems. However, precautionary protection measures will be adopted during construction.

3. Root Protection Approach

The final foundation design for the extension will be determined following site investigation and in response to ground conditions encountered during construction.

Where appropriate, a low-impact foundation solution may be adopted in areas where roots are encountered. This may include:

- hand-dug foundations
- localised root bridging
- or piled foundations if required

This approach will minimise disturbance to any roots present and ensure that retained trees remain unaffected.

Given the separation distances involved, significant root presence within the footprint is not anticipated, but a precautionary approach will be taken.

4. Tree Protection During Construction

The following measures will be implemented during construction:

- Protective fencing will be erected around retained trees where necessary
- No storage of materials, machinery or spoil will occur within protected areas
- No raising or lowering of ground levels will occur within root protection areas without appropriate assessment
- Excavation near trees will be undertaken carefully and by hand if required

These measures will ensure that retained trees remain protected throughout the construction process.

5. Conclusion

Trees T1 and T2 will be retained and protected during construction. The proposed development is located at a sufficient distance from both trees to avoid significant impact.

A precautionary and flexible foundation approach will be adopted where necessary to ensure that roots are protected. With appropriate construction management, the development can proceed without harm to retained trees.